

Amendments to the Specification:

*Please replace the paragraphs at page 12 line 24 to page 13, line 8 with the following amended paragraphs:*

~~Table 1~~ Figure 11. Data for sample A, B, C, and D sampled during the propagation of the selected non-citric acid fermenting mutant strain *Oenococcus oeni* DSM 15571 in the cultivation and adaptation medium shown in Fig. 2.

~~Table 2~~ Figure 12. Survival rates of the selected non-citric acid fermenting mutant strain *Oenococcus oeni* DSM 15571 in the experimental wine measured 2 days after inoculation of the freeze dried samples A, B, C, and D (Fig. 3). The survival rate was calculated as the % of the inoculated bacteria which was alive day 2 in the wine.

~~Table 3~~ Figure 13. Data for sample 1, 2, 3, and 4 sampled during the activation of the normal citric acid fermenting strain *Oenococcus oeni* DSM 15568 in the activation composition solution (Fig. 7).

~~Table 4~~ Figure 14. Survival rates of the normal citric acid fermenting strain *Oenococcus oeni* DSM 15568 in the experimental wine measured 2 days after inoculation of the activated bacteria samples 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Figure 8). The survival rate was calculated as the % of the inoculated bacteria which was alive day 2 in the wine.

*Please replace the paragraph at page 30 beginning at line 12, with the following amended paragraph:*

The detergent may be any suitable detergent, preferably a detergent containing derivatives of unsaturated fatty acids, for example, ~~Tween-80~~ TWEEN™80 detergent.

*Please replace the paragraph at page 42 line 27, with the following amended paragraph:*

0.2% Tween<sup>™</sup>~~80~~ TWEEN<sup>™</sup>80 detergent

*Please replace the paragraph at page 43 line 8, with the following amended paragraph:*

0.2% Tween<sup>™</sup>~~80~~ TWEEN<sup>™</sup>80 detergent

*Please replace the paragraph at page 44 line 16, with the following amended paragraph:*

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*Please replace the paragraph at page 45 line 9, with the following amended paragraph:*

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